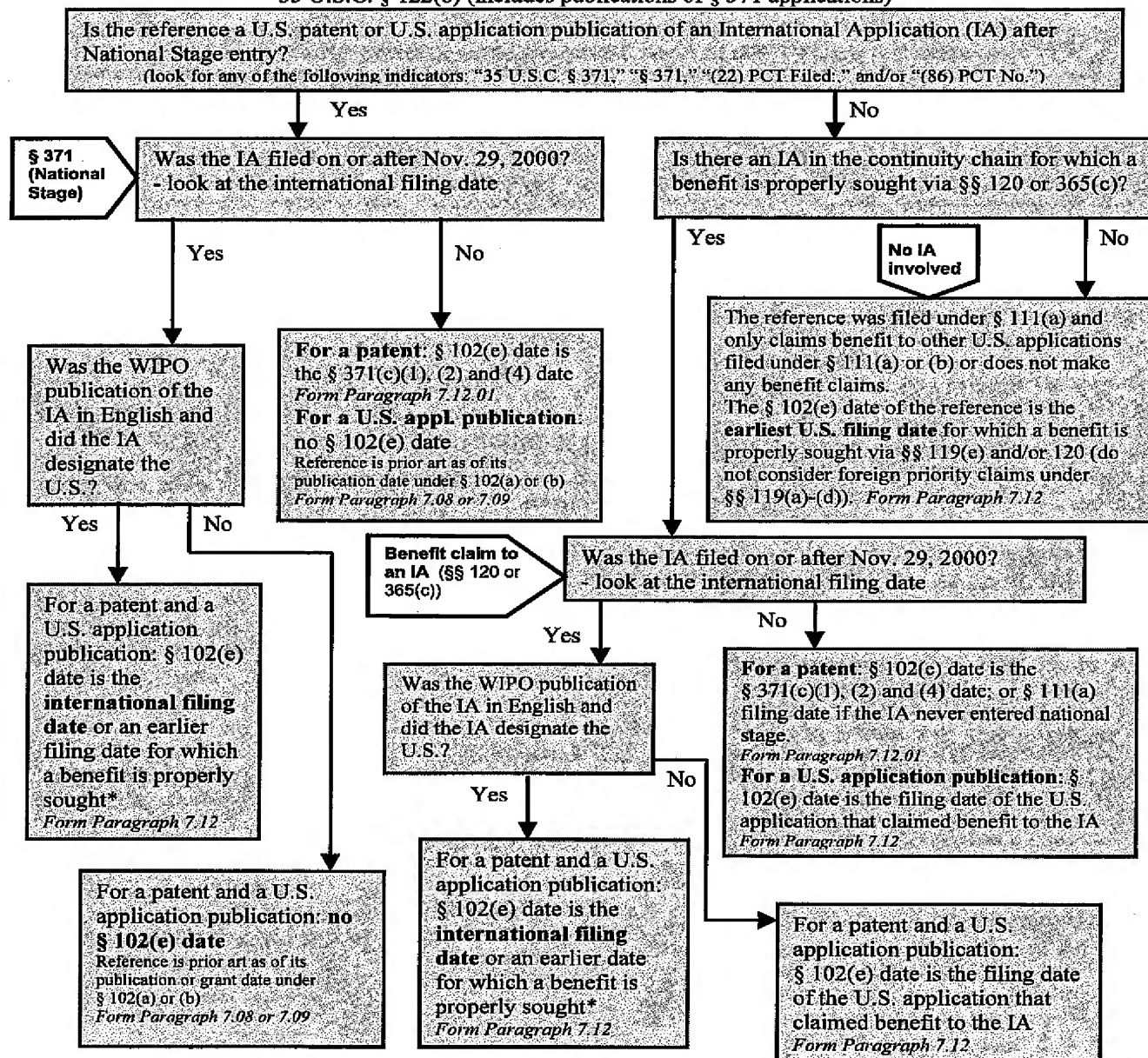


## III. FLOWCHARTS

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**FLOWCHARTS FOR 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) DATES:**  
**Apply to all applications and patents, whenever filed**  
**Chart I: For U.S. patent or U.S. patent application publication under**  
**35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (includes publications of § 371 applications)**



\* Consider benefit claims properly made under § 119(e) to U.S. provisional applications, § 120 to U.S. nonprovisional applications, and § 365(c) involving IAs. Do NOT consider foreign priority claims.